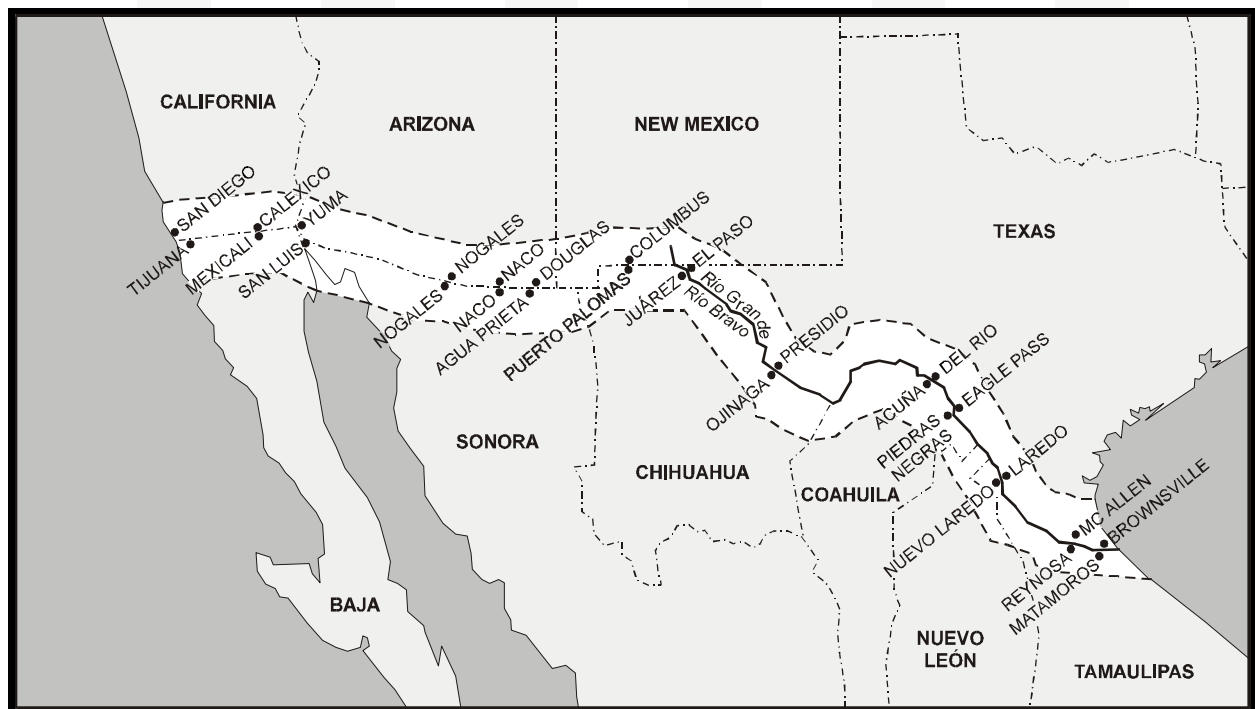


SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES



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INTRODUCTION

EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) provides leadership, advocacy, and assistance to:

- ➡ Prevent and prepare for chemical emergencies;
- ➡ Respond to environmental crises; and
- ➡ Inform the public about chemical hazards in their community.

To protect human health and the environment, CEPPO develops, implements, and coordinates regulatory and non-regulatory programs. The Office carries out this work in partnership with regions, domestic, and international organizations in the public and private sectors, and the general public.

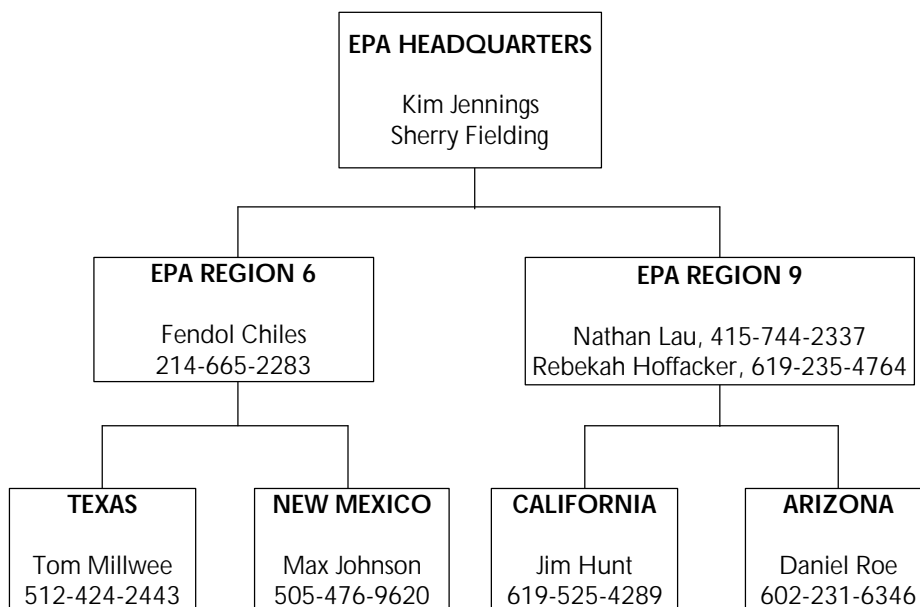
The purpose of the *Semiannual Report on United States-Mexico Border Contingency Planning Activities* is to consolidate information on United States-Mexico border joint response contingency planning from EPA Regions, border states, and sister cities in order to promote the exchange of information and coordination among these groups. The types of activities presented in this report range from joint response planning meetings and meetings to develop sister city plans to actual joint response exercises and training courses.

Each of the EPA Regions, U.S. states, and other organizations along the United States-Mexico border were contacted for information on recent and future border contingency activities. The information gathered for the second issue of the report served as the baseline for this update. Future updates will be published twice a year.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

- ➡ Border Information & Solutions Network monthly newsletter (since March 1998)
(available from the City of Brownsville)
- ➡ Brownsville-Matamoros Sister City Emergency Response Plan (May 1997)
(available from EPA Region 6)
- ➡ Clean Air Act Risk Management Plan manual in Spanish (1998; translation of 157-
page English manual) (available on CD-ROM from EPA Region 6)
- ➡ Columbus-Puerto Palomas Sister City Emergency Response Plan (expected
January 1999) (available from EPA Region 6)
- ➡ Eagle Pass-Piedras Negras Sister City Emergency Response Plan (March 1998)
(available from EPA Region 6)
- ➡ Fact Sheet for the Border XXI Contingency Planning and Emergency Response
Workgroup (Draft, August 1998) (available from EPA Region 9)
- ➡ Imperial and San Diego Counties Pesticide Episode Response Plans (September
1998) (available from the Department of Pesticide Regulation of California)
- ➡ Joint United States-Mexico Inland Contingency Plan (1988; currently under
revision) (available from EPA Headquarters)
- ➡ Laredo-Nuevo Laredo Sister City Emergency Response Plan (December 1998)
(available from EPA Region 6)
- ➡ The North American Emergency Response Guidebook (1996; to be updated by
September 1999) (available in English, Spanish, and French from the U.S.
Department of Transportation)
- ➡ Personal Safety Plan: Chemical Emergencies (1998) (available from Corpus Christi
Nueces County LEPC)
- ➡ Recomendaciones a la Población en Caso de Desastre (Recommendations for the
Public During an Emergency) (booklet, in Spanish) (available from Civil Protection -
Coahuila)
- ➡ Response Procedures for 45 Chemicals (November 1998) (available from Corpus
Christi Nueces County LEPC; available in Spanish in 1999)
- ➡ Semiannual Report on United States-Mexico Border Contingency Planning
Activities (Issue Number 1, February 1998; Issue Number 2, August 1998)
(available from EPA Headquarters)
- ➡ United States-Mexico Border Environmental Indicators 1997 (June 1998)
(available from EPA Region 9)

INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST

- ➡ EPA CEPPO — <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/>
- ➡ EPA Region 6 Border Program — <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6bo/6bo.htm>
- ➡ EPA Region 9 Border XXI Program — <http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/>
- ➡ U.S. National Response Center — <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil>
- ➡ Border EcoWeb by San Diego State University —
<http://www.borderecoweb.sdsu.edu/>
- ➡ Border Environment Cooperation Commission — <http://cocef.interjuarez.com/>
- ➡ Border Information & Solutions Network — <http://www.bisn.org/>
- ➡ City of Brownsville, Texas — <http://www.ci.brownsville.tx.us/>
- ➡ Corpus Christi Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee —
<http://www.lepc.net/>
- ➡ Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission —
<http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/>
- ➡ United States-Mexico Border Regional Environmental Information System —
<http://begs1.beg.utexas.edu:8888/>
- ➡ PROFEPA Environmental Emergencies — <http://www.profepa.gob.mx/>

STATUS OF SISTER CITY PLANS

Brownsville, Texas-Matamoros, Tamaulipas	Signed on May 6, 1997. Title: <i>Cross Border Contingency Plan — U.S./Mexico — Brownsville/ Matamoros.</i>
Laredo, Texas-Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas	Signed on December 21, 1998. Title: <i>Cross Border Contingency Plan — U.S./Mexico — Laredo/ Nuevo Laredo.</i>
Eagle Pass, Texas-Piedras Negras, Coahuila	Signed on March 25, 1998. Title: <i>Cross Border Contingency Plan — U.S./Mexico — Eagle Pass/ Piedras Negras</i>
McAllen, Texas-Reynosa, Tamaulipas; Del Rio, Texas- Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila; Presidio, Texas-Ojinaga, Chihuahua; El Paso, Texas- Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua	Work underway on several of these plans.
Columbus, New Mexico-Puerto Palomas, Chihuahua	Expected to be signed in January 1999. Title: <i>Cross Border Contingency Plan — U.S./Mexico — Columbus/ Puerto Palomas.</i>
Douglas, Arizona-Agua Prieta, Sonora	Have an agreement concerning emergency response, but it is not legally binding and has not facilitated emergency response equipment crossing the border.
Naco, Arizona-Naco, Sonora	Cochise County Government currently has no plans to enter into an agreement with Naco, Sonora. (Naco, Arizona, is an unincorporated townsite of Cochise County.)
Nogales, Arizona-Nogales, Sonora	No current sister city plan, but technical assistance and limited equipment responses have occurred historically.
Yuma, Arizona-San Luis Río Colorado, Sonora	February 1995 draft (not signed). Title: <i>U.S.-Mexico Sister Cities — Yuma, Arizona-San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora — Hazardous Materials Incident Contingency Plan.</i>
Calexico, California-Mexicali, Baja California	Have developed two mutual aid agreements. The first in September 1993, entitled <i>City of Calexico-City of Mexicali Mutual Aid Agreement</i> . The second in February 1996, entitled <i>United States/Mexico — Imperial County/Ayuntamiento de Mexicali, B.C. — Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement</i> .
San Diego, California-Tijuana, Ensenada, Tecate, and Playas de Rosarito, Baja California	Have a communication plan for San Diego and Imperial Counties in the United States and Baja California in Mexico.

SIGNING OF THE LAREDO-NUEVO LAREDO SISTER CITY PLAN December 21, 1998



Official signing of the Laredo-Nuevo Laredo Sister City Plan by Elizabeth "Betty" Flores (Mayor of Laredo) and Marcus Alejandro García (Municipal President of Nuevo Laredo). Photos courtesy of Fendol Chiles, EPA Region 6.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SIGNING OF THE THIRD SISTER CITY PLAN!

RECENT UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Presented in Chronological Order (Presented by State in the Final Table)

➡ 1996-1999	Denver, Colorado Transboundary Aerial Photography and Mapping Initiative. On May 6, 1996, at the United States-Mexico Binational Commission meeting, the U.S. Department of the Interior and SEMARNAP signed a cooperative agreement to undertake an ambitious joint aerial photographic survey of the border region. Color-infrared and black-and-white photographs obtained by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Mexico's National Institute of Statistics, Geography, and Data Processing (INEGI) are providing a wealth of information and data about the land, water, surface vegetation cover, and natural resources of the border region.
➡ February 1998	Brownsville, Texas Opening of the BorderPlex Environmental Information Center. With the assistance of an EPA Border XXI grant, Border Information & Solutions Network (BISN) developed a BorderPlex Environmental Information Center for the City of Brownsville. The mission of this center is to develop a successful process that involves residents of the binational area in protecting human health and natural resources. The center has an environmental library with over 315 documents about the area at the Brownsville Public Library. BISN focuses on the issues of emergency planning for chemical accidents, municipal solid waste, and wetlands in the Brownsville-Matamoros area.
➡ March 1998	Brownsville, Texas First Border Information & Solutions Network (BISN) newsletter published. BISN publishes a monthly newsletter for the City of Brownsville. The topics covered in the newsletter include wetlands, municipal solid waste, and planning for accidents involving hazardous chemicals.
➡ June 23, 1998	Nogales, Arizona Meeting of the Border Working Group that includes representatives from U.S. and Mexican Customs. The meeting dealt with several ongoing issues, among them the methods for emergency communication between corresponding ports of entry.

RECENT UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

- ➡ **August 1998** **San Diego, California** Draft *Fact Sheet for the Border XXI Contingency Planning and Emergency Response Workgroup* and final *Fact Sheet for the Border XXI Hazardous and Solid Waste Workgroup* published by EPA Region 9. These are part of a series of fact sheets to be published on all nine Border XXI binational workgroups and five special topics. All fact sheets are published in English and Spanish and copies can be obtained from EPA Region 9.
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- ➡ **August 1998** **Del Rio, Texas** Eagle Pass-Piedras Negras sister city plan activated during flood. Tropical storm "Charlie" flooded the Del Rio-Acuña area and the Eagle Pass-Piedras Negras sister city plan was activated.
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- ➡ **August 1998** **Sierra Vista, Arizona** Spanish CAMEO® (Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations) training. Mark Miller from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration was the training instructor. Approximately 75 U.S. and Mexican officials from federal, state, local, and cross-border agencies attended.



Photo courtesy of Daniel Roe, Arizona.

RECENT UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

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| ➡ August 1998 | <p>Washington, D.C. Gathered U.S. data on environmental indicators. Under the Border XXI Program, the Contingency Planning and Emergency Response Workgroup gathered preliminary U.S. data for the four environmental indicators. The purpose of these indicators and their data is to quantitatively monitor progress in emergency response along the border. Currently, the four environmental indicators are: industries posing risk that have coordinated emergency response plans, organizations capable of responding to chemical emergencies, sister cities with Local Joint Plans, and accidents of record per year. The collected data were presented at the Joint Response Team meeting in San Antonio, Texas, September 23-24, 1998.</p> |
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| ➡ September 1998 | <p>Cochise, Santa Cruz, and Yuma Counties, Arizona Created an Innovative Compliance Assistance Program (I-CAP) to help local communities in these three counties to identify facilities with hazardous chemicals. The initial field survey conducted in September identified 200 facilities that potentially have large quantities of hazardous chemicals. Communities near these facilities will be informed of the potential hazards. Such follow-on activities are expected to be completed by February 1999.</p> |
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| ➡ September 1998 | <p>San Diego and Imperial Counties, California Through an EPA grant, Pesticide Episode Response Plans (PERPs) were completed for both San Diego and Imperial Counties by the Department of Pesticide Regulation of California. Mexico and California government agencies who may participate in episode responses were identified and contacted for information regarding their emergency response plans for hazardous material incidents that may have international impact. PERPs establish a system for exchanging data, episode notification, and a protocol for conducting investigations, including the reporting of each agency's findings.</p> |
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RECENT UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

- ➡ **September 10, 1998** **Washington, D.C.** Exercise of the United States-Mexico Joint Contingency Plan (JCP) notification procedures through the U.S. National Response Center (NRC). The objective of this exercise was to test the notification procedures in the proposed revisions to the JCP. The notification exercise scenario was a tanker truck carrying chlorine that swerves to avoid collision with another vehicle and overturns just west of Brownsville, Texas. EPA Headquarters transmitted this information to the NRC. Notification lists were found to be incomplete and need to be updated, especially at the state level (i.e., U.S. states, PROFEPA state representatives, and Civil Protection state representatives.)
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- ➡ **September 23-24, 1998** **San Antonio, Texas** United States-Mexico Joint Response Team (JRT) meeting. Participants included over 70 federal, state, and local representatives from the United States and Mexico. The main issues discussed at the meeting included an update on contingency planning activities, the recent notification exercise, linking the JRT with other workgroups under Border XXI, updating the JRT Implementation Plan, overview of the data collected on the four environmental indicators, the Spanish version of CAMEO®, and outreach and marketing activities for the JRT. The next JRT meeting is scheduled for September 1999, in Guanajuato, Mexico.

Joint Response Team Meeting



San Antonio, Texas • September 23-24, 1998

- ➡ **October 1998** **Rio Bravo, Texas** Three-month training course for U.S. and Mexican firefighters began. On December 12, fourteen students graduated and joined the new volunteer fire department in Rio Bravo, Texas. The course was taught in Spanish.
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- ➡ **October 1, 1998** **San Francisco, California** Nathan Lau assumed Kathleen Shimmin's responsibilities for cross-border emergency response planning in EPA Region 9. Kathleen Shimmin will now be working with the Pacific Islands.
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RECENT UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

➡ October 14, 1998

Yuma, Arizona Open House for the citizens of Yuma, Arizona, and San Luis/Rio Colorado, Sonora, sponsored by EPA Region 9. The Open House familiarized citizens with emergency response procedures and national coordination efforts. Speakers at the Open House included staff from U.S. Customs Service, Arizona's Department of Environmental Quality, and the Yuma Fire Department. Approximately 35 people attended.



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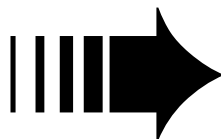
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| ➔ November 1, 1998 | Corpus Christi, Texas Publication of response procedures for the 45 most prevalent chemicals within the Corpus Christi area. The Corpus Christi Nueces County LEPC prepared this document for responders at all levels. The list of chemicals in the document is continuously expanding. The document includes the rating indexes for chemicals for fire, health, and reactivity; special instructions; definitions; chemical analyses; and medical and emergency response procedures for each chemical. The Corpus Christi Nueces County LEPC has provided training, which is required in order to obtain a copy of the document, for the Nueces, Kleberg, and San Patricio counties thus far. |
| ➔ November 5, 1998 | Washington, D.C. National Response Team Transboundary Subcommittee meeting. The items discussed included: the Joint Response Team meeting and the production of a "Questions and Answers Document" to address the initial issues posed to the Transboundary Subcommittee. |
| ➔ November 7, 1998 | Douglas, Arizona Binational hazardous material drill coordinated by Cochise County, Arizona. Scenario —trailer carrying hazardous materials is involved in an accident in front of a Department of Corrections (DOC) facility in Douglas. The Arizona DOC evacuation plan and the county medical resources were exercised. A total of 23 agencies from both sides of the border participated. This successful drill demonstrated the need for a better communications system between the participating agencies. For example, some of these agencies currently use different radio frequencies. |
| ➔ November 7 & 14, 1998 | Tecate, Baja California Through an EPA grant, San Diego County offered the last two sessions of a three-session emergency response/operational course. (The first session was offered on July 4, 1998.) The course is part of a series of emergency response courses (ranging from the response/operational course to an emergency management/incident commander course), which are to be completed in Mexico by March 1999. The 23 attendees included firefighters, police, rescue workers, and industry staff, all from Mexico. |
| ➔ December 1998 | Corpus Christi, Texas Corpus Christi Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) launched their new web site. The Internet address is http://www.lepc.net |
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RECENT UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

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| ➡ December 1-2, 1998 | Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Two-day hazardous materials transportation training course hosted by the Center for Environmental Studies of Arizona State University and Mexico's Secretariat of Communication and Transportation. The course, which was conducted in Spanish, primarily focused on the Mexican regulations recently enacted (i.e., "Las Normas Oficiales Mexicanas para el Transporte Terrestre de Materiales y Residuos Peligrosos") pertaining to materials classification, labeling, shipping papers, packaging specifications, segregation of materials, emergency response, container specifications, and basic safety issues. The participants consisted of representatives of various Mexican agencies, maquiladoras, and manufacturing firms. |
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| ➡ December 13, 1998 | Pertaville, Arizona Third Annual Hazardous Material Refresher Course offered by Cochise County, Arizona. Approximately 15 people from both the United States and Mexico attended the eight-hour course. |
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| ➡ December 21, 1998 | Laredo, Texas Signing of the Laredo-Nuevo Laredo sister city emergency response plan. The Mayor of Laredo and the Municipal President of Nuevo Laredo signed the <i>Cross Border Contingency Plan — U.S./Mexico — Laredo/Nuevo Laredo</i> . For more information, visit Region 6's web site at http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6bo/6bo.htm |
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FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES

All Activities are Tentative (Presented by State in the Final Table)

➡	January-June 1999	San Diego, California EPA Region 9 expects to publish fact sheets on all Border XXI binational workgroups and the five special topics (San Diego border office, Border XXI overview, geographic information systems, environmental justice, and Border Environmental Cooperative Commission and North American Development Bank). All fact sheets will be published in English and Spanish.
➡	January/February 1999	El Paso, Texas Joint Response Team public outreach meeting. EPA Regions 6 and 9 will meet to plan future outreach to federal, state, and local agencies in the United States and Mexico. The goal is to familiarize these agencies with the Border XXI Program, including emergency response. Development of pamphlets is also expected. This will be the first of four meetings.
➡	January 1999	Washington, D.C. Launch of the United States-Mexico joint contingency planning and emergency response activities calendar. EPA will post a calendar in its border programs Internet webpage at http://www.epa.gov.swercept/border.html . This world-wide-web-based electronic calendar will be used to publicize federal, state, and local events and activities pertaining to chemical emergency preparedness and response along the U.S.-Mexico border. Anyone may submit their activities to the calendar.
➡	January 1999	Washington, D.C. Distribution of Spanish CAMEO® by Regions 6 & 9. The version of CAMEO® in Spanish will be distributed to emergency response personnel through Nathan Lau (Region 9) and Fendol Chiles (Region 6).
➡	January 1999	Columbus, New Mexico Signing of the Columbus-Puerto Palomas sister city emergency response plan. The Mayor of Columbus and the Municipal President of Puerto Palomas will sign the <i>Cross Border Contingency Plan — U.S./Mexico — Columbus/Puerto Palomas</i> .
➡	January 6-8, 1999	Laredo, Texas Hazmat First Responders training course. Funding is through the International Association of Firefighters, and the fire departments in Laredo (Texas) and Nuevo Laredo (Tamaulipas) will attend. The course will provide classroom work only (no exercises).

FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

➡	January 23, 1999	Mexicali, Baja California Eight-hour First Responder Awareness class. This is the fourth course in a series of emergency response courses offered by San Diego County.
➡	January 30, 1999	Tijuana, Baja California Eight-hour First Responder Awareness class. This is the fifth course in a series of emergency response courses offered by San Diego County.
➡	January 31 and February 6 & 7, 1999	Tijuana, Baja California Twenty-four-hour First Responder Operational class. This is the sixth course in a series of emergency response courses offered by San Diego County.
➡	February 1999	McAllen and Laredo, Texas Planning meetings funded by Partners of the Americas and coordinated by the Texas Association of Hispanic Firefighters. The purpose is to help plan emergency preparedness, train police officers in community policing, and help Mexico find funding for equipment. The expected participants include: EPA Region 6, Texas Association of Hispanic Firefighters, Latino Police Officers Association, Emergency Management Association of Texas, Partners of the Americas, and Mexican Civil Protection, police departments, and fire departments.
➡	February 1999	Las Cruces, New Mexico Region 6 and New Mexico's Office of Emergency Management plan to conduct a commodity flow study and hold a training exercise. A vulnerability and hazards assessment study (May 1998) showed the need for a commodity flow study for Doña Ana County's Interstates 10, 25, and State Highway 70. A CHER-CAP (Comprehensive Hazardous Emergency Response and Capabilities Assessment Program) training exercise will follow the commodity flow study. The scenario will be a chemical tanker accident. Finally, a hazardous cargo route will be determined over the next few years. U.S. Customs, U.S. Department of Transportation, and other federal and state agencies are expected to participate.
➡	February 1-4, 1999	Mexicali, Baja California Twelve-hour Emergency Management Seminar from 6-9 p.m. each evening. This is the seventh course in a series of emergency response courses offered by San Diego County.

FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

➡ February 2-4, 1999	Las Vegas, Nevada EPA Headquarters will host the annual National Response Team/Regional Response Team (NRT/RRT) Co-Chairs meeting. The meeting will involve a brief roundtable discussion on the status of international response issues. United States-Mexico border issues will be discussed briefly along with issues regarding the Caribbean, Panama, and Canada. Participants will include NRT members, RRT Co-Chairs, and RRT coordinators.
➡ February 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21, 1999	Mexicali, Baja California Thirty-six-/forty-hour Incident Commander California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) Certified class. This is the eighth course in a series of emergency response courses offered by San Diego County.
➡ February 15-18, 1999	Tijuana, Baja California Twelve-hour Emergency Management Seminar from 6-9 p.m each evening. This is the ninth course in a series of emergency response courses offered by San Diego County.
➡ February 26, 27 & 28 and March 6 & 7, 1999	Tijuana, Baja California Thirty-six-/forty-hour Incident Commander California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) Certified class. This is the tenth course in a series of emergency response courses offered by San Diego County.
➡ March 1999	Dallas, Texas EPA Region 6 plans to translate into Spanish the field operations guide and instructor's manual for the incident command system. These documents were originally developed by the U.S. Coast Guard and are used for all international spills, including those along the United States-Mexico border.
➡ March 1999	El Paso, Texas Second meeting of the Joint Response Team for public outreach planning. A total of four meetings are scheduled.
➡ March 1-5, 1999	Ensenada, Baja California United States-Mexico National Coordinator meeting. The United States-Mexico National Coordinators and Co-Chairs of the United States-Mexico Workgroup will meet to discuss and prioritize environmental issues along the United States-Mexico border.

FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

➡	March 8-11, 1999	Seattle, Washington International Oil Spill Conference and Exposition. The purpose of this conference is to promote an international exchange of information and ideas dealing with spill prevention, planning, response and restoration processes, protocols, and technology. The theme for this conference is "Beyond 2000: Balancing Perspectives."
➡	April 1999	Guadalajara, Jalisco Training class for the San Antonio, (Texas) and Guadalajara (Jalisco) fire departments. Instruction will be in Spanish and will cover incident command, high-rise firefighting, and hazardous material response.
➡	April 1999	Tampico, Tamaulipas Firefighters' training course on hazardous materials. The primary focus will be on helping Mexico develop its own firefighters' academy (possibly in the state of Tamaulipas or Coahuila). Currently, Mexicans attend expensive training classes at Texas A&M.
➡	May 1999	El Paso, Texas Third meeting of the Joint Response Team for public outreach planning. A total of four meetings are scheduled.
➡	May 24-28, 1999	Phoenix, Arizona CAMEO® 99 Conference, which will include training for Spanish CAMEO® (Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations). The training will be hosted by EPA, NOAA, and the Arizona Emergency Response Commission. CAMEO® is a suite of programs for Windows and Macintosh and includes chemical databases, an emergency management program, MARPLOT (a mapping program), and ALOHA (an air dispersion model).
➡	June 21, 1999	Washington, D.C. Clean Air Act (CAA) Risk Management Plans (RMPs) are due. Some facilities handling acute toxics and highly volatile flammable substances must file. Each CAA RMP will provide information on the facility's implementation of risk management programs, five-year accident history, analyses of worst-case releases, and data on prevention and emergency response programs. The CAA RMPs will be available on the Internet (except for the offsite consequence analysis section).

FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

➡	July 1999	El Paso, Texas Fourth meeting of the Joint Response Team for public outreach planning. This will be the final meeting.
➡	July 1999	Laredo, Texas Hazmat training course for technicians only. This course is for both the Laredo (Texas) and Nuevo Laredo (Tamaulipas) fire departments. The course will provide hands-on training for containment of spills. Funding is provided by the International Association of Firefighters.
➡	September 1999	Guanajuato, Guanajuato PROFEPA will host the next annual United States-Mexico Joint Response Team (JRT) meeting. Potential topics to be discussed at the meeting include national and international issues related to joint contingency planning and emergency response. Participants will include U.S. and Mexican members of the JRT and stakeholders at the Federal, State, and local levels of government as well as the industrial sector.
➡	September 1999	Imperial County, California Translation into Spanish and update of the Imperial County Pesticide Episode Response Plan (PERP). Department of Pesticide Regulation of California expects to translate the PERP into Spanish, verify the contact information listed, and perform an emergency exercise in the Imperial County border area.
➡	September 1999	San Diego, California EPA Region 9 expects to complete production of a video on the Border XXI Program. The video will present an overview of the Border XXI Program and discuss the decision-making process used for the entire Border XXI Program, highlighting the importance of public participation in the process. The video will be produced in English and Spanish and available to communities in Arizona and California.

RECENT AND FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Presented by State (Presented in Chronological Order in Previous Tables)

➡ Texas



Past Activities:

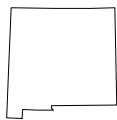
- Opening of the BorderPlex Environmental Information Center (Brownsville; February 1998)
- First BISN monthly newsletter published (Brownsville; March 1998)
- Eagle Pass-Piedras Negras sister city plan activated during flood (Del Rio; August 1998)
- Regional Response Team meeting (San Antonio; September 21-22, 1998)
- United States-Mexico Joint Response Team meeting (San Antonio; September 23-24, 1998)
- Three-month training course began for U.S. and Mexican firefighters (Rio Bravo; October 1998)
- Publication of response procedures for the 45 most prevalent chemicals within the Corpus Christi area (Corpus Christi; November 1, 1998)
- Corpus Christi Nueces County LEPC launched new web site (Corpus Christi; December 1998)
- Signing of the Laredo-Nuevo Laredo sister city emergency response plan (Laredo; December 21, 1998)

Future Activities:

- Joint Response Team meeting for public outreach planning (El Paso; January-February, 1999)
 - Hazmat First Responders training course (Laredo; January 6-8, 1999)
 - Meetings on emergency preparedness (McAllen and Laredo; February 1999)
 - Translation into Spanish of the incident command system (Dallas; March 1999)
 - Second Joint Response Team meeting for public outreach planning (El Paso; March 1999)
 - Third Joint Response Team meeting for public outreach planning (El Paso; May 1999)
 - Fourth Joint Response Team meeting for public outreach planning (El Paso; July 1999)
 - Hazmat training course for technicians (Laredo; July 1999)
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RECENT AND FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

➡ New Mexico



Future Activities:

- Signing of the Columbus-Puerto Palomas sister city emergency response plan (Columbus; January 1999)
- Commodity flow study and training exercise (Las Cruces; February 1999)

➡ Arizona



Past Activities:

- Meeting of the Customs Border Working Group (Nogales; June 23, 1998)
- Spanish CAMEO® training (Sierra Vista; August 1998)
- Created an Innovative Compliance Assistance Program (Cochise, Santa Cruz, and Yuma Counties; September 1998)
- Open House on emergency response procedures (Yuma; October 14, 1998)
- Binational hazardous material drill (Douglas; November 7, 1998)
- Third Annual Hazardous Material Refresher Course (Pertaville; December 13, 1998)

Future Activities:

- CAMEO® 99 Conference, which will include training for Spanish CAMEO® (Phoenix; May 24-28, 1999)

➡ California



Past Activities:

- One draft and one final fact sheet published by EPA Region 9 Border XXI Program (San Diego; August 1998)
- Pesticide Episode Response Plans completed (San Diego and Imperial Counties; September 1998)
- Nathan Lau assumed Kathleen Shimmin's responsibilities for EPA Region 9 (San Francisco; October 1, 1998)

Future Activities:

- EPA Region 9 Border XXI expects to publish all fact sheets (San Diego; January-June 1999)
 - Pesticide Regulation of California in Spanish expected (Imperial County; September 1999)
 - Border XXI Program video expected (San Diego; September 1999)
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RECENT AND FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

➡ **Other
Locations**

Past Activities:

- United States-Mexico Transboundary Aerial Photography and Mapping Initiative (Denver, Colorado; 1996 to 1999)
- U.S. data gathered on environmental indicators (Washington, D.C.; August 1998)
- Exercise of the Joint Contingency Plan notification procedures (Washington, D.C.; September 10, 1998)
- National Response Team Transboundary Subcommittee meeting (Washington, D.C.; November 5, 1998)
- San Diego County hosted the last two sessions of a three-session emergency response/operational course (Tecate, Baja California; November 7 & 14, 1998)
- Two-day hazardous materials transportation training course (Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas; December 1-2, 1998)

Future Activities:

- Launch of the United States-Mexico joint response activities calendar (Washington, D.C.; January 1999)
 - Distribution of Spanish CAMEO® (Washington, D.C.; January, 1999)
 - Eight-hour First Responder Awareness class (Mexicali, Baja California; January 23, 1999)
 - Eight-hour First Responder Awareness class (Tijuana, Baja California; January 30, 1999)
 - Twenty-four-hour First Responder Operational class (Tijuana, Baja California; January 31 and February 6 & 7, 1999)
 - Twelve-hour Emergency Management Seminar (Mexicali, Baja California; February 1-4, 1999)
 - National Response Team/Regional Response Team Co-Chairs meeting (Las Vegas, Nevada; February 2-4, 1999)
 - Thirty-six-/forty-hour Incident Commander Certified class (Mexicali, Baja California; February 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21, 1999)
 - Twelve-hour Emergency Management Seminar (Tijuana, Baja California; February 15-18, 1999)
 - Thirty-six-/forty-hour Incident Commander Certified class (Tijuana, Baja California; February 26, 27 & 28 and March 6 & 7, 1999)
 - United States-Mexico National Coordinators meeting (Ensenada, Baja California; March 1-5, 1999)
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RECENT AND FUTURE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

➡ Other Locations	Future Activities (cont'd): <ul style="list-style-type: none">— International Oil Spill Conference and Exposition (Seattle, Washington; March 8-11, 1999)— Training class for the San Antonio and Guadalajara fire departments (Guadalajara, Jalisco; April 1999)— Firefighter's training course on hazardous materials (Tampico, Tamaulipas; April 1999)— Clean Air Act Risk Management Plans are due (Washington, D.C.; June 21, 1999)— United States-Mexico Joint Response Team meeting (Guanajuato, Guanajuato; September 1999)
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